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## The Prospect of a Reunited Republican Party.

THE SUN accepts with alacrity the opportunity to support for President of the United States a man like CHARLES EVANS HUGHES against the man that WOODROW WILSON has shown himself to be.

We believe with Theodore Roosevelt that our present troubles with Mexico are "the direct result of an utter failure to prepare, and of our Governmental policy of almost unbelievable timidity and vacillation."

We hold with Colonel Roosevelt that it would be a crime against the nation to continue in power for four years longer the Administration thus far by him impeached.

We believe with Theodore Roosevelt that the American people "must make this nation as strong as its convictions."

In the striking phrase here borrowed from the Detroit speech we have the broad doctrine of adequate preparation for defence and of undivided allegiance to the flag which THE SUN has had the honor to proclaim, not merely for weeks or months past but for years. The doctrine of real Americanism backed by national readiness for defence is the monopoly of no politician, the exclusive possession of no political organization or faction; and it has been one of the greatest privileges THE SUN has enjoyed for a long time to insist against all contrary opinion that the recent vigorous expressions of these principles by Colonel Roosevelt have been due to a high sense of patriotic duty and not to the selfishness of personal ambition. It would have been an insult to this foremost American not to take him at his word.

Yesterday afternoon, immediately after writing his resignation as a Justice of the Supreme Court and receiving from the proper quarter the acceptance of the resignation, Mr. HUGHES gave to the public the text of his message to Senator HARDING accepting the Chicago nomination and endorsing the Chicago platform. In direct energy his declaration even transcended the platform. It is a statement of faith and intentions so admirable in every particular, so strong and clear and comprehensive in its terms, and so manifestly sincere and straightforward, that if its substance had been promulgated in advance of the meeting of the two conventions we do not see how any Republican or any Progressive could have doubted that the candidate of reunion desired and described by Colonel Roosevelt had in fact been found:

"I stand for the firm and unflinching maintenance of all the rights of American citizens on land and sea."

"It is most regrettable true that in our foreign relations we have suffered incalculably from the weak and vacillating course which has been taken with regard to Mexico, a course lamentably wrong with regard to both our rights and our duties."

"At the outset of the Administration the high responsibilities of our diplomatic intercourse with foreign nations were subordinated to a conception of partisan requirements, and we presented to the world a humiliating spectacle of ineptitude. Related efforts have not availed to recover the influence and prestige so unfortunately sacrificed."

"I stand for an Americanism which knows no ulterior purpose; for a patriotism which is single and complete. Whether native or naturalized, of whatever race or creed, we have but one country, and we do not for an instant tolerate any division of allegiance."

"I believe in making prompt provision to assure absolutely our national security. I believe in preparedness, not only entirely adequate for our defence with respect to numbers and equipment in both army and navy, but with all thoroughness, to the end that in each branch of the service there may be the utmost efficiency under the most competent administrative heads."

"We must have the strength which

self-respect demands, the strength of an efficient nation ready for every emergency."

These are no wensel words. They are as specific as they are sincere. They derive a multiplied force from the known character of the American who utters them, and from the circumstances under which they are uttered. They carry no bid for votes in convention; for the nomination was Mr. HUGHES's without pledge or condition or contract direct or implied, before this voluntary profession of faith reached either the delegates in Chicago or the people of the country.

This is not only THE SUN's creed of Americanism and preparedness and undivided allegiance, but it is also precisely that platform, in every specification and demand, which

THEODORE ROOSEVELT has been urging upon his fellow citizens, without thought of self and with the incomparable power which his qualities engender. The publication of Mr. HUGHES's letter last night was quickly followed by the message from Oyster Bay to the Auditorium in Chicago declining the nomination if his devoted personal following there assembled should insist on an immediate decision; and leaving the question of a third party ticket to be determined by the Progressive national committee after conference with himself. We have held it to be almost inconceivable that the final decision of Colonel Roosevelt and his sane supporters could be such as to precipitate the very calamity which it is now the declared purpose of his patriotism, the main purpose of his life, to avert. His attitude after the two nominations at Chicago and the publication of Mr. HUGHES's concurrence in that for which the ex-President has contended and is contending confirms the judgment we have several times expressed. No prouder place in history is open to an American than that which Colonel Roosevelt's sense of duty seems now to be preparing for him.

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his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation? Would it be held that the man elected possessed the office on Sunday, March 4, but was incapacitated from beginning the duties thereof until it suited him to take the oath?

The Congress of the Confederation on September 13, 1788, fixed the first Wednesday of March, 1789, as "the time . . . for commencing, proceeding under the said [present] Constitution." WASHINGTON was chosen President by the electors of President and Vice-President in their several States on the first Wednesday in February, but he did not take the oath until April 30. Who was President from March 4, 1789, to April 30? If WASHINGTON was not, the country had none. We prefer to believe that he was the President, but, by reason of his failure to take the oath, was not qualified to perform the duties of the office.

Reticence.

We count it an interesting and comforting thing that a man capable of keeping his mouth shut has been honored by the nomination of a great party for the office of President. It proves that constant gabble is not essential to impress on the voters the worth of an individual competently and diligently performing his duty. Sometimes it has seemed as if the only persons who stood a chance of obtaining recognition in politics were those whose tongues were constantly in motion, whose opinions were in an unending stream, and who had never learned to say no to an official to speak.

We congratulate Mr. HUGHES on his capacity for reticence; and we felicitate the Republican party on having overlooked and ignored his unlikeliness to some of the most tiresome word spouters that have ever vexed a tired world.

Dicks, Molls, Guns and Others.

Pockets, according to Sing Sing 63368, range from "side kicks" to "double insiders," and it is hard to get a "poke" or "leather" from a "double insider," which is an inner waistcoat pocket. A watch is a "super," a "block," a "turnip" or a "kettle," and its chain is "white slang" or "red slang," silver or gold. If we did not read the *Star of Hope* we should not recognize these distinctions; and 63368 holds a gloomy opinion of the future of thievery.

The "cops," "mugs," "fly mugs," "bulls," "dicks," "C. O. dicks," and "elbows" have put most of the "swell mob" in the "big house." "Guns" no longer "hit the derriek," no more do "yeggs" come to New York to spend the "white" money, "kale," "scratch," "dough," or in the words of the Humble Dutchman, the "bulls," they have extracted from "P. Os." and "Jugs" in other settlements. Yet the possessor of a wallet should be wary:

"It behooves Mr. Average-man to examine well into his pockets if he should hear such expressions as 'let him through,' 'hold him back,' or 'right breech,' and then the sibilant 'cluck' from some nearby stranger."

"The Big Fellow" was, specifically, TIM SULLIVAN, but the term denotes "a man higher up in any enterprise." The pickpockets are a proud tribe, practitioners of efficiency; the "wire," the "booster," the "tool" and the "swell instrument" all have their carefully designated tasks. A "lone star" works without aids; a "moll buzzer" aspires to nothing more difficult than robbing women. He does not hope to "lift" a "bug," the expert's name for a diamond pin.

Toledo, Ohio, was once a "right town," a good place to hide out in. It had numerous "scatters," where "hop" or "grease" was smoked over the "peanut oil lamp with a bamboo stem," a Chinese chef cooking the "pills." The "gun" wheeled with a bolt of scratch headed for Toledo for rest; as long as he spared that town its police did not bother him.

"Nollie Matches" was a famous "gun," the "fastest" of his day. He won his "monarcher" by covering his vocation under the innocent pursuit of a match pedler. He found Toledo too small, and came East, where he worked country fairs, circuses and the "shorts," or street cars. The "Twinkler" fell to the low estate of stool pigeon for the "eye," as the "Pinks" are called. "Foley the Goat" was a "lone star"; he shot CAL CRAM, a Cincinnati detective, and is in "the shade" for twenty years. But he was once a great man:

"In time past it was not strange or unusual for some big politician or police captain to leave out street car lines or ferry stations to 'gun mobs,' and for long 'Foley the Goat' held the Market street concession in San Francisco, where the ferries go over the bay to Oakland. Came the day when an Eastern 'mob' bid a higher price and Foley was 'plinked' and 'settled' in San Quentin, much to his amazement; and when he was searched a 'plant' was found in his cuff lining, consisting of a folded \$10,000 bill and another of smaller denomination; an evidence of forethought and carefully accreted 'fall money.'"

Among the "swell molls" were MINNIE MAX the Duchess, who ranked with "Fainting Bertha," whose collapses caused crowds to collect, and whose partners rifled the pockets of the sympathetic. The "yeggs" talk a language of their own. The "box-man" is a safe blower, and sometimes wears "monarchers" such as "petty man," "yegman," "blaster," "heavy man" and "soup man." The "yeggs" are progressive:

"From the old time 'Jimmy' and the sectional Jimmy and the 'apron' and the 'graduate wedge,' to open the 'goophers,' as adepts were designated, the 'box-man' has not taken an active part in politics, but at least one of them seems to have known what was going on.

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## THE KEY MEMORIAL.

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